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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
TAKAAKI ENDO, ET AL.)	Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: Unassigned)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: July 31, 2003)	
For: IMAGE SENSING APPARATUS AND CONTROL METHOD THEREOF)	July 31, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENTS:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
11-168754	Japan	June 22, 1999

REMARKS

The above-listed Japanese patent document is identified at page 3 of the specification, and believed pertinent for the reasons set forth therein. An English translation of the Japanese patent document is not readily available to Applicants' attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. An English abstract obtained from a commercial data base also is provided for the Japanese patent document as an English language statement of relevance.

FEE STATEMENT

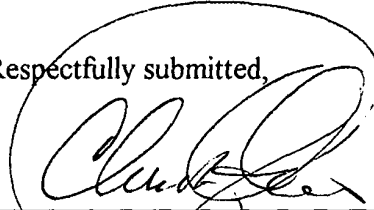
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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